BOROUGH OF MORECAMBE & HEYSHAM

PORT HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

MINISTRY OF HEALTH LIBRARY

The general administrative arrangements were unchanged, and the usual work was satisfactorily carried out.

There were 99 vessels from foreign ports of which 81 were oil tankers.

There were no cases of infectious disease landed from any vessel.

Number of visits to Heysham	172
+Number of beasts examined	37
+Number of sheep examined	8
+Number of pigs examined	10
Number of visits to slaughterhouse	39
Number of visits re food inspection	-
Number of visits re water supply	7

~~+Also included in the figures ante page~~

SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other Appointment held
W.F. LYLE	Medical Officer of Health	1938	M.D., B.Sc., D.P.H.	Medical Officer to Port Health Authority

Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health:-

Public Health Department, Town Hall, Morecambe and Heysham, Tel: Morecambe 720.

SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious diseases on board.
			By Medical Officer of Health	By Public Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	99	485,153		39	Nil
Coastwise	1558	1,608,623		-	Nil
Total	1657	2,093,776		39	Nil

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic: Number of passengers INWARDS 212295

Number of passengers OUTWARDS 201374

In addition, during the summer months, 5488 passengers were transported on day trips to Douglas, I.o.M. and 5380 passengers returned to Heysham.

Cargo Traffic: Principal IMPORTS:- Cotton, Linens, Tobacco and Sundry Merchandise.

	Total Imports Tons
Ex Belfast	142902
Ex Dublin	130
Oil (Foreign)	1105357
Oil (Coastwise)	878787

Oil imports are from ports around Suez, the Persian Gulf, North Africa and South America.

Principal EXPORTS:- Sundry Merchandise, Chemical Fertilisers and Machinery.

	Goods Cargo Tons	Bunker Coal Tons	Total Exports Tons
To Belfast	257110	1774	258884
To Dublin	286		286
Chemical Fertilisers	16010		16010
Oil (Coastwise)	1091543		1091543
Oil (Foreign)	16939		16939

LIVESTOCK - Imports and Exports

Imports:

	Horses	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs	Others
Ex Belfast	695	42410	1882	978	105

Exports:

To Belfast	178	30	41	39	2

Principal ports from which ships arrive: Belfast, Londonderry and ports around Suez and Persian Gulf.

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic

Nil.

SECTION V - Water Supply.

1. Source of supply for (a) the district, and (b) shipping.

   Town supply for both.

2. Report of test for contamination.

   Bacteriological and chemical satisfactory ~~(See ante page 11 & 12)~~.

3. Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hosepipes.

   Usual.

4. Number and sanitary condition of water boats, and powers of control by the Authority.

   None employed.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952

1. LIST OF INFECTED AREA (Regulation 6).

   Arrangements for the preparation and amendment of the list, the form of the list, the persons to whom it is supplied, and the procedure of supplying it to those persons.

   The weekly record of infected areas supplied by the World Health Organisation is forwarded to the Waterguard Office for the information of Customs Officers and copy retained by Medical Officer.

2. RADIO MESSAGES

   (a) Arrangements for sending permission by radio for ships to enter the district. (Regulation 13.)

   Not ordinarily needed but arrangements have been made for messages to be given immediately by Railway Executive and Shipping Agent to Waterguard Office.

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(b) Arrangements for receiving messages by radio from ships for acting thereon. (Regulation 14 (1) and (2)).

See notes to (a) above.

3. NOTIFICATIONS OTHERWISE THAN BY RADIO (Regulation 14 (1)(b)).

Arrangements for receiving notification otherwise then by radio and for acting thereon.

This is usually received by the Customs Officer and handed later to the Local Authority.

4. MOORING STATIONS (Regulations 22 to 30).

Situation of stations, any standing directions issued under three Regulations.

(a) Inner Mooring - for cases of smallpox and typhus Easterly end of North Side).

(b) Outer Mooring - for cases of cholera, yellow fever and plague (at Lune Deeps).

STANDING EXEMPTIONS

(a) All ordinary notifiable infectious diseases other than those specified above.

(b) Ships otherwise clean, which have arrived from a listed port in an infected area.

5. ARRANGEMENT FOR -

(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases (Other than smallpox - see Section VII).

An infectious diseases hospital at Lancaster is available for all cases except smallpox. For smallpox cases the Regional Hospital Board will make arrangements.

(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts.

A contact under surveillance and resident in the borough would be visited daily during the incubation period of the disease. A contact moving outside the borough would be instructed to visit the Health Department of the area to which he was moving and the Medical Officer of Health of that area would be notified to expect his arrival and given his proposed address.

(c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles.

A steam disinfector is provided for bedding and clothing.

Appliances and materials are available for the disinfecting of ships and this would be carried out by the Health Department staff.

SECTION VII - Smallpox

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district.

Regional Hospital Board will make arrangements.

2. Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and vaccinal state of ambulance crews.

A special motor ambulance is available with attendants.

3. Name(s) of smallpox consultant(s) available.

Dr. D.C. Liddle, Monsall Hospital, Manchester.

4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox.

Either the suspect would be immediately removed to the hospital designated by the Regional Hospital Board and the laboratory investigation undertaken from there, or the material would be sent to the laboratory chosen by the smallpox consultant, probably Liverpool.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Diseases

Information as to the location, days and hours of the available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease among merchant seamen under international arrangements, including in-patient treatment and the steps taken to make these facilities known to seamen.

No special arrangement for sailors. There is a clinic at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary.

SECTION IX - Cases of Notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships.

TABLE D

Nil return.

SECTION X - Observations onthe occurrence of malaria in ships.

Nil return.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

None needed.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

1. Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

Ships with expired certificates sent to Barrow.

2. Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

Submitted to pathologist ordinarily employed by the Public Health Authority. Usually the pathologist attached to the Public Health Laboratory, Preston.

3. Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

Not carried out.

4. Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

Not carried out.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Not known.

TABLE F

Deratting certificates and Deratting Exemption certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

Nil

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Number of informal notices served	1
Remedied	1

Vessels boarded - no action necessary.

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations 1934 and 1948.

Information respecting any shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Authority stating whether they are, in the opinion of the Medical Officer of Health, liable to pollution. A report of any action taken, which should state whether any prohibited area has been prescribed, should be included.

Under the Heysham and Morecambe Bay (Shell-fish) Regulations, 1926, an area of Morecambe Bay was prescribed and any mussels taken from this area must be subjected to an approved process of cleansing or sterilisation before being made available for human consumption. The cleansing process is carried out at Portmadoc, North Wales.

No further action under the Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations, 1934, and 1948 has been necessary.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens (applicable only to ports approved for the landing of aliens).

Nil - Not a port approved for the landing of aliens.

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious diseases.

By arrangement with local undertaker for cremation.